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SNB Unit in Jestrab in the Horni Slavkov Area.

1. Prior to 30 April 1951, SNB unit Jestrab (hawk), totaling about 2,000 men and commanded by SNB Lieutenant Kotatko, (fnu), guarded the mines and corrective labor camps in the area of Horni Slavkov (Schlaggenwald) (N 51/P 68). Elements of the unit were quartered in a three-story barracks installation with a radio station on the market square in Horni Slavkov and in low wooden barracks buildings on the edge of the town, on the east side of the road from Horni Slavkov to Krasno (Schoenfeld) (N 51/P 68). About 400 men of the unit were quartered in Krasno. Most of the personnel were armed with submachine guns. Ex-Major Dr. Dominik Harabus worked as physician in the corrective labor camp of Horni Slavkov, *

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2. an infantry regiment, a signal unit and a reserve officers' school were located in Benesov (Beneschau) (O 50/L 95) in 1949. The units were quartered in the Taborske Barracks on the southern edge of the town and in the Prazske Barracks near the railroad station. **
 3. In April 1951, a Soviet major and two Soviet captains alighted from a DKW passenger car, driven by a Soviet soldier, in front of the Europa Hotel in Cheb (N 51/P 37). In April, the SNB would be issued blue cap bands and silver collar patches. ***
- * Comment. The functions of SNB unit Jestrab are probably similar to those of SNB Unit Jerab in Jachymov and Pribram.
- ** Comment. The 48th Inf Regt and the 2d Sig Regt were known to be located in Benesov at that time.
- *** Comment. The new cap bands and collar patches are probably for the interior security troops of the SNB, because the border guard troops of the SNB were assigned green service color.

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